

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough consideration provided the present application. Claims 2-10 and 12-17 are now present in the application. Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 15 have been amended. Claims 1 and 11 have been cancelled. Claims 10 and 17 are independent. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Reasons For Entry Of Amendments

As the Examiner will note, the amendments to the claims are simply made to cancel claims 1 and 11 and to re-direct dependent claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 15 to depend from allowed claims 10 and 17, respectively. Therefore, it is believed that no new issue is raised. In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the foregoing amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 10 and 17 are allowed. Applicant greatly appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Asada, U.S. Patent No. 5,883,609, in view of Wood, U.S. Patent No. 5,926,162. Claims 2, 3, 7 and 11-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Asada in view of Wood, and further in view of Kurz, U.S. Patent No. 4,810,973. Claim 6 stands rejected under

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Asada in view of Wood, and further in view of Yamaguchi, U.S. Patent No. 5,307,084. Claims 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Asada in view of Wood and Kurz, and further in view of Yamaguchi. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Without conceding to the propriety of the Examiner's rejections, but merely to timely advance the prosecution of the application, as the Examiner will note, independent claims 1 and 11 have been cancelled, and dependent claims 2-9 and 12-16 are re-directed to depend, either directly or indirectly, from allowed claims 10 and 17. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that these rejections have been obviated and/or rendered moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

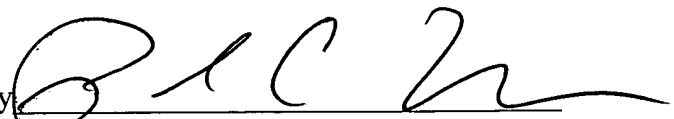
It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Cheng-Kang (Greg) Hsu, Registration No. 61,007 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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